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OFFICIAL*In re* Patent Application of :

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For: METHOD FOR ATTACHING MECHANICAL FASTENERS TO ABSORBENT
ARTICLES AND THE RESULTING ABSORBENT ARTICLES)
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Sir:

PETITION FOR FIVE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME AND
FILING OF CONTINUATION APPLICATION

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for a five-month extension of time to submit an Appeal Brief pursuant to the Notice of Appeal filed by the Applicant on November 11, 2003. The two month period to submit the Appeal Brief having ended on January 11, 2004, it is hereby requested that the period to reply be extended up to and including June 14, 2004 (Friday, June 11, 2004 having been declared a federal holiday, the next business day in which to file a reply is Monday, June 14, 2004).

In lieu of an Appeal Brief in this matter, the Applicant is filing a continuation application herewith, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Upon granting of this petition and granting of a filing date in the continuing application, the Applicant hereby abandons prosecution and appeal of the above-referenced application.

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Submitted herewith is a check for \$2,010.00 to cover the five-month extension-of-time fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0206 for any deficiency in this fee, or to credit any overpayment thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

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